

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method of configuring a graphical user interface associated with an application executed by a computing device of a gaming system, said gaming system including at least one gaming device adapted to accept a wager by a player, present a game, and grant an award for predetermined winning events capable of displaying a set of navigation selectable elements comprising the steps of:

providing a set of navigation selectable elements;  
accepting a first input from a given user of said gaming system;  
accepting a second input from an operator of said gaming system;  
providing a user identification associated with said given user;  
determining a user profile from said user identification;  
determining which of ~~said navigation selectable elements~~ from said set of navigation selectable elements ~~which said graphical user interface is capable of displaying~~ that said user is permitted to view in accordance with said user profile; and  
displaying only said navigation selectable elements said user is allowed to view,  
wherein said resulting display is customized to the user based at least in part upon said first input and said second input.

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4. (original) The method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said navigation selectable elements are arranged in a hierarchical format.

5. (original) The method in accordance with Claim 1 including the step of displaying one or more of said navigation selectable elements as buttons.

B 6. (original) The method in accordance with Claim 1 including the step of displaying said navigation selectable elements in a tree form.

7. (original) The method in accordance with Claim 1 including the step of displaying the displayed navigation selectable elements in a form dependent upon said user profile.

8. (original) The method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said user profile is associated with a device which displays said graphical user interface.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A method of configuring a graphical user interface associated with an application executed by a computing device of a gaming system, said gaming system including at least one gaming device adapted to accept a wager by a player, present a game, and grant an award for predetermined winning events capable of displaying a set of navigation selectable elements, said navigation selectable elements having a predetermined order comprising the steps of:

providing a set of navigation selectable elements, said of navigation selectable elements having a predetermined order;

accepting a first input from a given user of said gaming system;  
accepting a second input from an operator of said gaming system;  
providing a user identification associated with a given user;  
determining a user profile from said user identification;  
determining an access point for said ordered navigation selectable elements for said user from said profile, said access point determining a portion of said navigation selectable elements which are accessible to said user and a portion of said navigation selectable elements which are not accessible to said user based on said order thereof; and  
displaying only one or more of said navigation selectable elements which are accessible to said user, wherein said resulting display is customized to the user based at least in part upon said first input and said second input.

11. (original) The method in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said navigation selectable elements are arranged into one or more levels, said access point comprises one of said levels.

12. (original) The method in accordance with Claim 11 wherein navigation selectable elements associated with one or more levels higher than the level with which said access point is associated are not accessible to said user.

13. (original) The method in accordance with Claim 10 including the steps of determining a configuration for said navigation selectable elements based upon said user profile and displaying said navigation selectable elements in accordance with said configuration.

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14. (original) The method in accordance with Claim 10 including the steps of determining if said user is restricted from viewing one or more of said navigation selectable elements based upon said user profile and preventing the display of those elements.

15. (canceled)

16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A gaming system including comprising:

a computing device adapted to accept a first input from a given user of said gaming system and a second input from an operator of said gaming system;  
at least one gaming device associated with a said computing device, said gaming device adapted to accept a wager by a player, present a game, and grant an award for predetermined winning events;

at least one first user station and at least one second user station associated with said system for displaying information and for providing input to said computing device; and  
a graphical user interface for displaying said information, said graphical user interface including:

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a main window having a navigation viewport displaying one or more navigation selectable elements, one or more of said one or more navigation selectable elements comprising an application initiating element,

and a said data viewport arranged to display information associated with an application initiated by selection of one of said one or more application initiating elements, wherein said graphical user interface is adapted to display said navigation selectable elements in a plurality of configurations dependent upon a configuration of

a station on which said graphical user interface is displayed or a user profile, and  
wherein said resulting display is customized to the user based at least in part  
upon said first input and said second input.

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18. (original) The gaming system in accordance with Claim 17 wherein said at least one first user station comprises a station having a touch-sensitive display and wherein said graphical user interface adapted to display one or more of said navigation selectable elements as user-selectable buttons.

19. (original) The gaming system in accordance with Claim 18 wherein said at least one second user station includes mouse and keyboard input devices and said graphical user interface is adapted to display said navigation selectable elements in a tree form.

20. (original) The gaming system in accordance with Claim 18 wherein said graphical user interface is associated with a gaming system accounting system.